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A report containing fragmentary military information on Poland, the most detailed of which is on the 16th Motorized Artillery Regiment at Wrzeszcz (N 54-23, E 18-37). Also included in the report is information on the military airfields of Pruszcz, Babia Gora, and Wrzeszcz.

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COMMANDS:

THE 4th REGION MILITARY COMMAND OF BYDGOSZCZ (July-1958)

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The name of this particular command is "CKRENG No-4". This command has jurisdiction over the provinces of DANZIG, BYDGOSZCZ and OLSZTYN. This command has a dependent which consists of a division stationed in BYDGOSZCZ.

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THE 18th INFANTRY DIVISION COMMAND OF BIALYSTOK (July-1958)

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all that is known is that there is in existence this division.

16th REGIMENT MOTORIZED ARTILLERY OF WRZESZCZ (located north of Danzig) (May-1958)

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The regiment was horse-drawn up until 1949 then became motorized. The regiment is stationed in a military camp known as TROJMIASTO (Three Places) and at the camp are present other groups beside the regiment named. The military camp consists of three sites, Zoppot, Oliwa and Wrzeszcz which are located between the city of GDYNIA and DANZIG. The regiment is a branch of the division command at BYDGOSZCZ. This military camp consists of the following make-up and constituents;

Regimental section
Exploratory "
Workers "
Service "
Attached "
Transport "
Sanitation #
Battery ca.a "
Battery c.c. "

There are also four dependent groups to the regiment, each one consisting of 3-4 batteries. The anti-aircraft batteries consist of 35mm cannons of Soviet make which are of the 4 barrel ack-ack types and these are also used aboard their naval ships.

The regiment also has cannons of caliber ranging from 100mm to 120mm which are also of soviet make. These cannons are drawn by tractor type vehicles of "Stalinic" type.

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This airport is a newly constructed place which was opened in 1953-54. It is located 1500-2000 meters north of the city of PRUSZCZ, and is occupied by the Polish air force. The airport also is the office of an unknown command of navy aviation which has command of groups at the WRZESZCZ airport also. The planes at the airport are of the latest "MIG" type. The airport is enclosed with a metal fence for security purposes.

MILITARY AIRPORT OF BABIA GORA

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GDYNIA, it is a newly constructed airport which began functioning in 1956-57. The airport is for jet planes only.

MILITARY AIRPORT OF WRZESZCZ (located north of Danzig)

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This military airport was opened to civil air traffic. It is located east of the Danzig-Gdynia railroad line about 4 kilometers north of the railroad station of WRZESZCZ. The airport covers an area of 2000 meters east-west and 1500 meters north-south. The airport maintains the Polish air force units of the navy which is under the command of the Specialty Command of the PRUSZCZ airport. The military personnel are dressed in navy uniforms, the pilots have a metal eagle insignia on their left jacket pocket.

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This airport maintains about 15 planes of the "YAK" type, there is daily training for the pilots consisting of day and night flights, training consisting of firing at target balloons drawn by other planes. The civil airline which uses this airport has 3 flights daily during the summer months and 2 flights daily during the winter months to and from [REDACTED]. The highway which leads to the airport is on the east side of the airport entrance and connects onto the highway DANZIG-GDYNIA. A railroad line leaves the west side of the airport and connects onto the DANZIG-GDYNIA line which uses electrical engines, the airport line uses steam engines for their locomotors.

The hangars of the airport are located along the southern part of the area and are three to four in number. The number 2 hangar maintains the civil airline planes, the other hangars are used by the military for their planes. The hangars are of cement construction with a roof not totally enclosing the hangars, and they measure 50x20 meters in area. There is also a civil air-station next to the hangars on the southern side which serves the civil air-line.

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The fuel depot for the airport is located outside the airport grounds between the railroad line DANZIG-GDYNIA and the west side of the landing strip. The depot consists of 3-4 cylindrical metal storage tanks measuring 6-7 meters in height and about 3 meters in diameter. [REDACTED] whether there exists an underground depot for the fuel. The area occupied by the depot is enclosed by barbed wire fence.

On the east side of the airport there is the radio station which has three antennae towers 40 meters in height. The runways at the airport do not have special illumination for pilot guidance for night flying, the pilots use photoelectric equipment in their night training. It is not known that there exists any group for defense of the airport but there has been noted camouflaged posts covered with vegetation along the runways which face the runways. The whole airport area is enclosed with a metal fence about 2 meters high.

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